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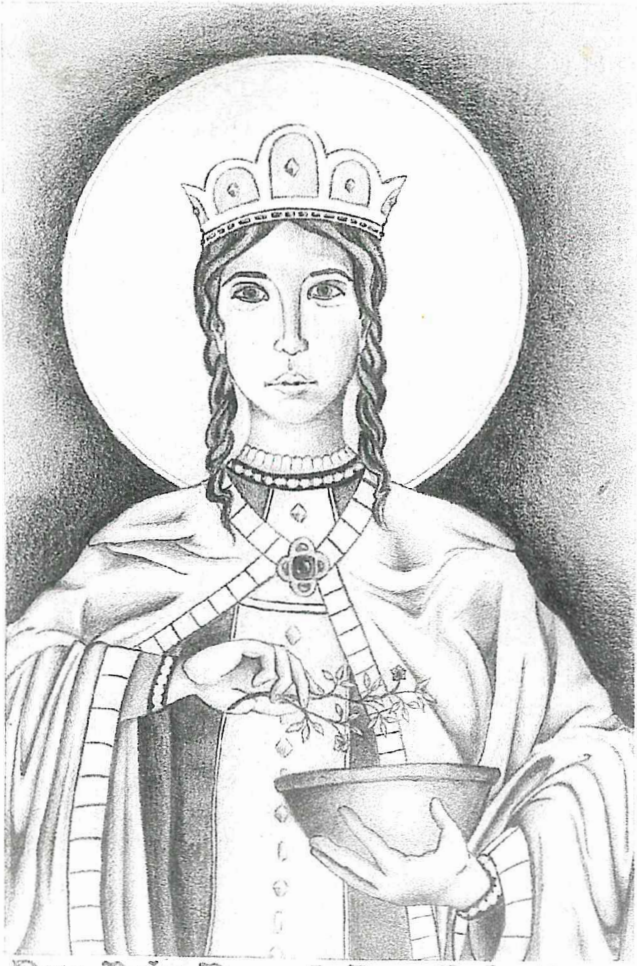


## 17 December — Midwinter

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## Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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| 3-4 | JULKLAPP Gleann Medonach ⌘ |
| 10 | LES TRES BELLES HEURES DE BARON DE CAER GALEN *Caer Galen* ❖ |
| 17-18 | MIDWINTER *al-Barran* ○ |

JANUARY

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|---|---|
| 7 | TWELFTH NIGHT *Caerthe* ❖ |
| 14 | TWELFTH NIGHT *Citadel* ○ |
| 28 | CANDLEMAS *Dragonspine* |

FEBRUARY

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| 14-20 | ESTRELLA WAR *Atenveldt* ○ |

*⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies*

# From the Baron and Baroness

Happy Holidays everyone,

This missive should find everyone getting ready for a Hungarian good time at Midwinter and looking forward to Estrella ... WAAARRR! Training has been going very well, thank you to everyone that has joined us at the planning meetings and at the park to put suggestions into practice. al-Barran is looking good, let's keep up the enthusiasm and keep bringing fighters to the park and to the regional War Practices. If you would like to help make the al-Barran Estrella Experience all that it can be, contact Her Excellency Tana with your suggestions or areas where you would like to help.

Congratulations to Lord Brennain (heavy) and Lord Gauvain (rapier) for their victories at St. Golias Feast Day! Thank you to the College of St. Golias for hosting another great event full of fun, fighting, and friends. The Coronation of Their Royal Majesties Hrorek and Caoilfhionn was stunning. Drygestan outdid themselves with the hall, the tournaments, and the feast. War Practice was awesome, thank you to everyone that made the trip, it was great to have Sable and Argent side-by-side. Let's do it again and get out to the other War Practices coming up; Julklapp in Gleann Medonach (12/3), Midwinter here at home (12/18), and Twelfth Night in Citadel (1/15). The more we train together, the more victories we will celebrate together at Estrella!

As the years change, so will one of our premiere officers, Knight Marshal. Sir Bohemond has helped rebuild the foundations for a mighty al-Barran War Host and we thank him for his service. If you are interested in becoming our next Knight Marshal, or would like to help out in this office, please contact ourselves and our Seneschal.

We are looking forward to enjoying another fabulous Day of Arts & Sciences and presenting the great mound o' toys to the Marines at Toys-4-Tots, see you there!

*Ryan* *Tana*

## From the Seneschal

Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well and fully within the holiday spirit. If you are still having difficulty locating your particular spirit then perhaps a giant dose of al-Barran Midwinter will do the trick. This event promises to be spectacular, and I hope to see everyone there to experience all the fun.

War season is in full swing, so I would like to encourage everyone to come out and support the Barony's efforts as we support our Crown at this Estrella. Remember, it takes many more hands than just fighters to make our army successful. There are many other ways to participate before and during war than just on the fields of combat.

On a final note, the Knight Marshal of the Barony has announced his intentions of stepping down at Midwinter. Their Excellencies and I will be accepting applications for this position until Sunday, December 11th. If you are interested, or know anyone that might be, please submit a letter of intent to Their Excellencies, me, and Sir Bohemond by this time. These may be emailed, snail mailed, or hand delivered to us. I would also like to thank Sir Bohemond for his efforts in this office.

Yours,

*Master James David de Argentias*

## From the Hospitaller

Greetings and Merriment

I hope all are healthy and have plenty of energy for the upcoming holiday season. Please join me in greeting two new hospitaller deputies. Ujimoto, whom has agreed to be at the park on the first and last Sunday of each month. Ujimoto brings a quick smile and enthusiasm with him wherever he goes. Jaquette, (I hope I spelled that correctly) brings boundless energy to greet and aid our newcomers. A personal Huzzah to these folks for volunteering for this very important position.

We have received a donation of loaner garb from Mistress Cailte and THL Conner. Mistress Cailte cleaned out her closet and "found" several items to donate. Tunics, pants, and hats, all in excellent condition. Huzzah to Cailte and Conner. This donation brings our cache of loaner garb, accessories and gear to well over 200!!

With the holiday season upon us, if you know of someone wishing to attend one of our winter events, and in need of loaner garb, please please do not wait till the last moment to contact me. With all the holiday preparations, waiting until the last moment adds a good measure of stress and chaos. My contact information is posted on the inside cover of the Shaft.

I wish for each one and their families pleasant and safe travels.

Until we meet again,

*THL Diana of Llanberris*

## From the Knight Marshall

Seasons greetings to all,

The last of the meetings concerning the realignment the heavy al-Barran WAR host was held the second Monday of November. Once again, a large and diverse group met and openly discussed what was on our minds. The topic of discussion most noted was also the topic of the first meeting. The topic was a question, "How do we set aside our personal differences and get along at the park and form a unified and strong war host?"

Vince Lombardi put it best, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." To that end all of us at these meetings have sworn to set aside our personal issues to join in and become part of something far richer and more rewarding.

His Royal Majesty has appointed his commanders. The General is Sir Lavan, the Central Commander is Sir Gregor, the Baron shall lead al-Barran and he has appointed THL Pierre and Lord Tankred as al-Barran's line sergeants. Support these men; their success in the upcoming war is our success.

This is the time, between coronation and al-Barran Midwinter, to get your armor, harness, and weapons ready for war. Oil and inspect your leather straps, replace any that look questionable. Inspect your fiberglass spears and remake the thrusting tips. Re-tape your swords and other weapons and replace the thrusting tips on them too. Check your shield edging, poor edging will cause harm to your friends' weapons. Change out the padding in your helmet if you have not done so in the last 12 months. Failure of any of your equipment this time of the year could cost you valuable training time. If your gear fails at War, it could put you out for the weekend.

Sunday, December 18th, is the biggest and best fighter practice in this kingdom. It's our regular Sunday location, Bataan Park, the day after Midwinter. Don't miss it, as it is just too fun to miss!

Next issue: Learn the secrets to real power in the SCA.

May the holiday season bring you joy,

*Lord Bohemond le Sinistre, OL*

## From the Webmistress

Greetings unto all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the event websites, there are quite a few right now. I am still looking for a Deputy. I ask that you know HTML and some programming experience would be nice. Here are the Website numbers for October:

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| Overall accesses | 41,415 | Homepage accesses | 1,026 |
| Overall visits | 3,873 | Homepage visits | 313 |

Esperanza - 154
Toys for Tots - 294
Day of A&S - 221
Midwinter - 208

*Lady Melody*

## From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings to the Barony of al-Barran,

On October 23rd al-Barran held Esperanza VI. On this day, two inspirational tourneys were held. Congratulations to Lord Michael McQuillian and His Grace Hrothger Monomakh, the victors of these tourneys. The rapier tourney had 12 entrants, and was run as a speed tourney in which the combatants had twenty seconds in which to kill their opponent before an additional fighter was sent in. After 60 seconds all on-field combatants were declared dead. Lord Michael McQuillian was the victor, Lady Mary Tynker was 2nd and Don Ulric Krieger was 3rd. Thanks to Lord Giovanni de Lucca for running this tourney, to Lady Bronwen Blackwell for heralding and to Baroness Emma of Essex for running this list. The Heavy fighting list had 14 entrants, and was run best two of three, combatants were given one life and could receive another life by extolling the virtues of the person who inspires them. His Grace Hrothger Monomakh was victorious, Lord Alrik Boleslavsson was 2nd and Lord Gere Thorkellsson was 3rd. Thanks to Master Adam Stedefast for running this tourney and to Lady Natasha Mechislav and Wolf of Golden Oak for heralding.

Yours in Service,

*Lady Emery de Fittun*

## From the Chirurgeon

Greetings!

The holidays are upon us and we are all looking forward to seeing old friends and spending time with out families. There are two things that I would ask of each of you.

Spend your holidays paying attention for anyone choking. Adults are more likely to choke while drinking, eating, and laughing. Children are attracted to the candies and the hard candies can lodge in their throats. Is this a major problem? Not if we are aware of what is going on around us and know what to do.

Second thing to consider. During the holidays, some people are more depressed. The end of another year and the marking of another milestone. Please, take a little time and greet others in a pleasant or cheerful way. Look up those friends that we have not seen in awhile. It is a great time to catch up with those that we care for.

The holidays are a great time. Enjoy! Be safe as well.

There are a couple of great events coming up for those interested in being a battle field chirurgeon. The day following mid-winter and the war pratice in Januuary. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks.

*Sir Dennis the Wright*

# From the Rapier Marshall

Salutations and well wishes to all who come by these words,

As the snows fall in the north, the fleet foot of the Stag unfalteringly marches toward War. Made strong and bold by the sting of the Scorpion, the Outlands and its allies plan to leave Estrella littered with the bodies of their foes. Are you prepared? Have you made ready? If not, move quickly, as time is of the essence. Take advantage of every Sunday practice and scheduled War practice to hone your skills. Encourage your buddies to do so. Call them up - offer them a ride - bribe them if you must! It is imperative that all who are planning to attend War be on the practice field and ready to rumble in a timely fashion. The days are short and War is drawing nigh more quickly with each missed opportunity to practice. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to those individuals who will not be attending War but who have been making the effort to train with others who are preparing for War. (You know who you are! Thank you!)

Here's a few suggestions to make the days leading to War less stressful:

1. Make sure your membership is current.
2. Ensure that your fighting auth is current. If it's not, how about treating yourself to an early Christmas present? I'm certain everyone looks smashing in Auth Card Green.
3. Practice religiously with the weapons you'll be taking on the field at Estrella. Know them, know yourself.
4. Practice in the armor you'll be wearing to Estrella - make sure it fits, it passes inspection, and it doesn't fail you on the field.
5. Inspect your blades and secondaries for wear, fatigue, or deterioration. Re-tip, replace, repair, prepare.
6. Pre-register for War.
7. Negotiate a ride - for yourself or your stuff.
8. Make your list. Check it twice.
9. Practice, practice, practice.

Hydration is no small part of success on the field. Consider investing in a personal hydration pack (Camelback or similar hydrapack) to avoid acquiring or promoting the Plague. Healthy fighters are happy fighters.

Did I mention practice?

I look forward to seeing each of you on the field!

*Elisabeau the Lighthearted*

Baronial Rapier Marshal

## From the Quartermaster

Greetings al-Barranians,

Coronation in Drygestan was a great success and the feast just excellent. The Quatermistress's office would like to thank Mistress Helga for a wonderful event and for helping us sort and pack for the loan of the baronial feast gear. I would also like to thank, Lord Bjorn, Lord Traithgren and Xavier for helping me pack and return the baronial items back to the keep.

There is a new process for checking in and out of the keep, it is not difficult I promise. The Quatermistress's office has starting using a check in /out form, which require will showing your membership at the time of pick-up. A copy of the form will be provided to you, with what items are being checked-out from the keep. This form will help keep track of who has baronial items and to ensure less gear is lost.

If anyone has information on where to purchase an enclosed 5'x8' or5'x10' trailer at a reasonable price please e-mail me at Quartermaster@al-barran.org or talk to me at Sunday fighter practice.

In Service to al-Barran,

*Lady Natasha MacDuff Mechislav*

## From the Chronicler

Greetings unto all,

I hope the holiday season finds you all well and recovering from those awesome feasts. How about that cover?!!!! Maria Elenia is the one who provided the artwork for this month's cover and I have to say, it is absolutely AWESOME. The printing can't do it justice. The original is 8-1/2" by 12" and completely done in pencil. Huzzah to the talent that keeps showing up in this great Barony.

Thank you once again to Lord Michael for yet another... insightful... look at one of our hardest working and well known members. I'm almost afraid to see who will be the next to fall before his pen. Everyone is going to see a great big notice at the bottom of page 18. I think you can guess what I'm going to say next. That's right... SEND ME STUFF!!!! I think the article on tents last month, the cover this month and November and October all show that we have some great talent here in the Barony. Show it off folks. It's an easy painless process and you don't even lose the rights to your work. Honest.

Thanks to my lady and my children. Even though they've been incredibly busy with Scorpion's Scales getting ready for the fall eventing season, they've put for the time and effort to help label, stamp, and seal all these newsletters. We've still got well over 100 subscriptions to ***the Baronial Shaft*** and I'd like to see it grow even more. The latest membership listings from the SCA show over 500 paid members in al-Barran alone. Why aren't they getting a copy of our newsletter? Chase your friends down, twist their arm, make them get a subscription. If we get enough, we can start saving the Barony some money in postage with bulk mailing services.

One last thought. Don't forget, WAR!!! is coming in February. Everyone, get your tents, your sleeping bags, your armor, your garb ready to go. It'll be here before you know it.

In Service,

*Lord Y Port Lairge*

# Regular Activities

**CITIZENS MEETING**
Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

**Fighter Practice**
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

**Rapier Practice**
Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

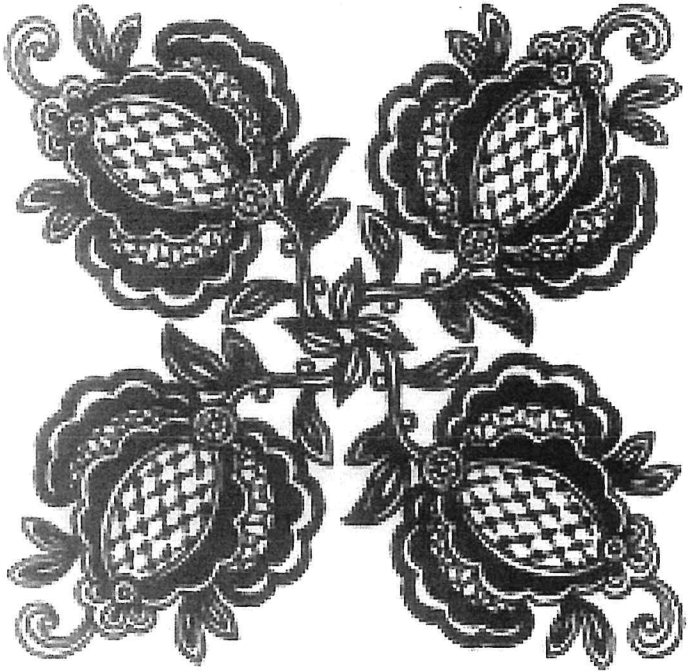
**Westside Fighter Practice**
First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

**Archery Practice**
Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

**Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice**
Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

**Newcomers Household**
Meetings will be at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

**Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops**
The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions..*



## December Calendar of Events

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| 3-4 | JULKLAPP *Gleann Medanoch* |
| 10 | LES TRES BELLES HEURES *Caer Galen* |
| 11 | GLAIVES AND GLADIATORS *al-Barran* |
| *15* | *FULL MOON* |
| 17 | MIDWINTER *al-Barran* |
| *25* | *Christmas Day* |
| *26* | *First Day of Chanukah* |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3<br>- Archery<br>- Westside Fighter Practices |
| 4<br>-Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>- Dance Practice | 5<br>- Gammer Gurton's Needle | 6<br>- Newcomer's<br>- Singing Practice<br>- Blaiddwyn Project | 7<br>- Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice<br>-Scorpion's Scales | 8 | 9 | 10<br>- Archery |
| 11<br>-Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>- Dance Practice | 12<br>- Gammer Gurton's Needle | 13<br>- Blaiddwyn Project<br>- Singing Practice | 14<br>- Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice<br>- Scribal Workshop | 15 | 16<br>- Weaving Workshops | 17<br>- Archery<br>- Westside Fighter Practices |
| 18<br>-Fighter & Rapier Practice | 19<br>- Gammer Gurton's Needle | SHAFT ARTICLES DUE<br>20<br>- CITIZEN'S MEETING<br>- Singing Practice<br>- Blaiddwyn Project | 21<br>- Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice | 22<br>- A&S Exchange Workshop | 23 | 24<br>- Archery |
| 25<br>-Fighter & Rapier Practice | 26<br>- Gammer Gurton's Needle | 27<br>- Singing Practice<br>- Blaiddwyn Project | 28<br>- Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice<br>- Scribal Workshop | 29 | 30 | |
| | | | | **Regular Activities listings**<br>Pages 13&16 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice. | | |

# Regular Activities

**Court Dance Practice**
There will be court dance practices on December 4th and 11th. Please see the Court Dance article in this Shaft for further details. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our dance practices. *Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/ for further information.*

**Scorpion Scales, music group**
Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mei17/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

**Gammer Gurton's Needle**
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 20. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

**Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops**
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

**al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team**
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**Blaiddwyn Project Conclave**
Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

**Scribal Workshop**
Every Wednesday night at Baron Sebastian's workshop, 8203 Roma (near Lomas and Tennessee). *THL Ymanya Murray will provide direction for the workshop. Contact her at (505) 881-4413 for more information.*

# From the Scorpion Pursuivant

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in July 2005:

Murchadh Mac Diarmada. Name.

Murchadh Mac Diarmada. Badge. Or, a chevron gules overall a legless wyvern displayed contourny, tail nowed sable.

Congratulations!

The following submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in July 2005:

Murchadh Mac Diarmada. Device. Per pale Or and sable, a cross formy throughout counterchanged. This was withdrawn by the submitter, but they note that it does not conflict with Stephan of Monmouth, Per pale Or and sable, a cross of Jerusalem counterchanged, which is why he withdrew it in the first place. Perhaps he will resubmit it.

Murchadh Mac Diarmada. Household name R{a'}th Nathrac. This name does not follow a pattern found in Irish placenames.

Their Excellencies of al-Barran, Ryan and Tana, held a short court at Esperanza VI on Sunday, October 23, 2005. No new awards were given at this court. Sir Jochen was given a back scroll from the Champions of al-Barran event in September for his Scorpion of al-Barran award. Congratulations to Sir Jochen for this honor!

Court at Esperanza was conducted by one of my previous deputies, Chagatai Burulgi (Formerly known as Murchadh MacDiarmada). Chagatai has my sincere thanks for serving Their Excellencies as court herald in my place. He has since gotten a new job which limits his time and has chosen to step down as my deputy. His natural talent and enthusiasm will be missed. I expect we will see him serving as herald again at some point in the future. Cuinn McEwen has offered to serve as a deputy. He will be joining Kymma Godric and Geoffrey Fitz Robert as deputies to the Scorpion office. My thanks to them all.

I have decided to use my remaining time in office to train new heralds who might wish to serve the next Baron and Baroness of al-Barran as Scorpion Herald. I will still be conducting courts at al-Barran Midwinter and Grand Outlandish, but all other courts for Their Excellencies, including those at Estrella War, will need to be conducted by other heralds, whether they be novice or experienced. Their Excellencies will ultimately decide who they want to serve them in this capacity, but I am looking for volunteers.

In Service,

*THL Pendar the Bard*

# From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed Queen's Prize according to THLady Chiara Grassi the event had 58 entrants. Unfortunately I was having too much fun talking with artisans to get an accurate count of how many al-Barranians entered. I know we had at least 13. Lord Christopher Blackwood won Her Majesties prize it was a super cool folding camp table.

Baronial day of A&S has not happened at this time, as I rush to meet my article deadline, but there are many classes scheduled that look wonderful. Judging from what I saw at Queen's Prize there should be some spectacular displays going for Champion.

At Midwinter this year we have a lot of entertainment, professional Hungarian dancers, our own Court dancing group, Scorpion's Scales, and a few groups of individuals dancing up a storm. I believe there are also plans for strolling carolers. The hall is not very suitable for unplugged storytelling and individual singing so we are going to try to keep it visual or on microphones this year. There will be prizes for best Hungarian garb courtesy of Their Excellencies.

The website for WAR is a little skimpy on the art's end right now but here is the website (http://www.estrellawar.org/index.html) eventually there will be class and demonstration information to be found there. Right now there are forms if you wish to teach or do period demonstrations that you can fill out. Below are details on the categories:

A. Armored Articulated Gauntlets—To be period and in a period medium consistent with time frame of design. Two gauntlets (a pair) must be entered and will be treated as a single item for judging purposes.
B. Metheglin—A single Metheglin (herb-based only) that is based within our time period. Entrant must provide documentation to the effect that the major flavoring ingredient(s) were considered herbal in nature during time period of recipe. Staff will provide tasting cups for judging. No Metheglin will be judged that does not include a full list of ingredients or is considered contaminated. Medicinal ingredients considered illegal, toxic, or available by prescription only should not be used (e.g., absinthe, foxglove (digitalis), etc.).
C. A Single Page with Illumination and Calligraphy—Examples: A scroll or single sheet from a book. Illumination and Calligraphy must within our time period. A single sheet from a book may have two different scenes. While the single page may be presented within the confines of a book only the single page indicated will be judged. Entrant must provide a stand or another form of display for safety of piece in uncertain environmental conditions.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 268-4994
Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694
Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair

3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
Court Dancing contact Lady Jane Barber
Scorpions Scales contact Lady Melody

Events:

Dec 18th-19th - Midwinter Prizes for period garb, table settings ect
Feb 4th - Arts & Science Caer Galen Meenakshi 303-404-3321
Feb 14th-20th - Estrella War XXII Kingdom of Atenveldt

Thank-you

*THL Aisha*

## From the Baronial Scribe

Baronial scribes who completed scrolls for Coronation include: Mistress Caelte, THL Ymanya, Lord Llywus, Lady Elanor, Lady Brighid, Lord Michael, and myself. If I missed anyone, please let me know. Although this month's deadline is before the event, I'm sure al-Barran's Day of A&S went well. We had 8 scribal classes, with guest teachers and students in attendance. Thanks to Mistress Averil, Mistress Joella, Mistress Sarah, Mistress Maria, and Lord Llywus for teaching. I'd love to have some feedback on this, and on what classes you'd like to see for next year, or at Outlandish for that matter. We may have some baronial assignments coming in for Midwinter, and kingdom assignments too. Please let me, or the Kingdom Scribe, Mistress Bennet, know if you are available for these. We can always use some Award of Arms promissories, especially now that the Crown resides in al-Barran. I would like all local scribes to update their information with me, so that I can put out an accurate listing of baronial scribes with my end of the year report. Please see me at Midwinter or e-mail me with the following information: Name (Society and Legal); address; phone number; e-mail address; calligraphy fonts and illumination styles used; does calligraphy, illumination or both; length of lead time needed on assignments.

The Wednesday night scribal workshops will continue for the time being with the direction of THL Ymanya Murray who can be contacted at (505) 881-4413 for more info. Workshops start at 6pm and are held at Baron Sebastian's workshop, 8203 Roma (near Lomas and Tennessee) – please call ahead, 256-1906, to make sure that the meeting will be held.

And a reminder – Scribal Arts (scroll or single page) is one of the War categories this year. I'd really like to see some of our baronial scribes enter.

In service to the barony and the scribal arts, I remain

*Monika von Zell*

# Glaives and Gladiators

Barony of al-Barran
11 December 2005
Bataan Park

The Barony of al-Barran will be holding an un-official "mini-event" on December 11th, 2005 at Bataan Park from 9am – 5pm. It will include heavy and light fighting tournaments as well as the usual war practice. This event will also include a children's pavilion and baronial t-shirt sales. A donation lunch which will include fry bread will be available with proceeds going to the Poor Fighter's fund.

Autocrat: Wulfhramn of Golden Oak
*Richard St. James IRL*
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505-681-7809

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# al-Barran Midwinter and WAR (!!!) Practice

Barony of al-Barran
Midwinter December 17th
War (!!) Practice December 18th

Site Opens 10:00 am
Site Closes 8:00 pm
Location: Leon Harms Youth Hall,
New Mexico State Fairgrounds
Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan (Glenn Clayburn)
(505) 332-9213
ponyboy314@comcast.net
Feast Coordinator: THLady Aisha bint Asad ud-Din (Maria Diaz)
(505) 332-9213
a_isha30@comcast.net
Site Fees:
Adult Site and Feast: $18.00
Adult Site Only: $8.00
Children 5 to 15 Site and Feast: $10.00
Children 5 to 15 Site Only: $4.00
Children 4 and Younger: FREE
$3.00 Surcharge for non-members
Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc-al-Barran"
By the way...all alcohol MUST be purchased from vendor on site.
Alcohol may not be taken outside of the building.
War practice site is...
Incredibly, Horrendously, Completely, and Infallibly DRY

As winter closes in on the steppes, the season has come to warm ourselves by the fire and shelter ourselves in the company of our friends. Shake off the snow and join us in the Barony of al-Barran for our annual Midwinter event. As our theme this year is Hungarian, without a specific time-period, there is something for one and all. Come inside, and stay warm during the harsh winters of the steppes.

There will be a period Hungarian feast (which I have personally sampled), of incredible food and wide variety. Much of the feast will include sour cream so take care if you are lactose intolerant. We will have dancing, music, singing, as well as a silent auction to benefit the Outlandish Herald, and a snack sale. Merchants will be allowed this year, but remember to bring a space heater and an extension cord to stay toasty warm.

So bring your finest garb, kick up your feet, and stay warm. Outside it may be cold, but inside you will find much warmth among your fellow Outlanders.

The next day, it's time for WAR practice. Let's give them our best at Estrella, so break out your schlagers and rattan, jump into the battle line, and let's get ourselves ready to charge through our enemies on the field of battle.

Menu:

Appetizers:

- Stuffed Eggs in Pastry
- Lipto Cheese Spread
- Butter Biscuits
- Pickles

First Course:

Fish in Sour Cream with Mushrooms
Hungarian Goulash
Cabbage Strudel

Second Course:
Esterhazy Rostelyos (Fried Beef Rouladen)
Paprikash
Summer Squash with Dill

Fourth Course:
Paprika Chicken
Sour Cherry Soup
Apple Cabbage

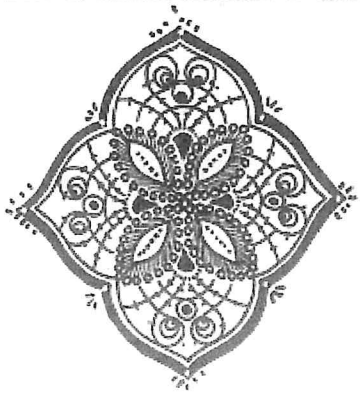
Schedule (subject to change)
1000am: Site Opens
1200pm Opening Court
300pm: Feast Begins (entertainment during feast)
530pm: Evening Court
800pm: Site Closes

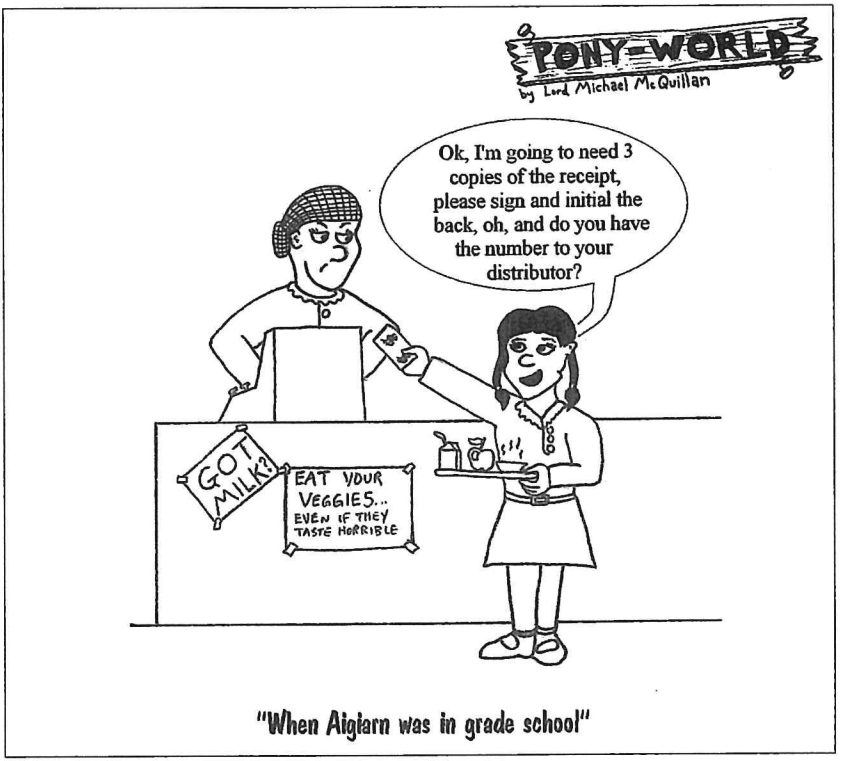
Silent auction will be running much of the day

**Reservations:** All info can be found at http://www.al-barran.org/midwinter05 The only good reservation is...you know (a paid one)

**Directions to Site:** From I-25 in Albuquerque turn east onto I-40 and after a couple of exits, you will exit signs for Louisiana southbound and northbound. They are different exit ramps, so be sure to take Louisiana south. After a few traffic lights you will see a major street called Lomas. Take a right and take a left on San Pedro, the next major street. When on San Pedro, the New Mexico State Fairgrounds will be seen on your left. Turn left into the complex taking Gate 3. Turn left at the first stop sign. You will see the administration building on your right and the Villa Hispana on your left. Keep going until the road ends. The Leon Harms Youth Hall is right in front of you. Enter through east side of the building.

**Directions to War Practice:** From I-40, take the Carlisle exit (two exits west of the Louisiana exit) and head south. After a few lights you will come to Lomas. Turn right onto Lomas and the park is immediately on your right between Amherst and Tulane.




PONY-WORLD
by Lord Michael McQuillan
Ok, I'm going to need 3 copies of the receipt, please sign and initial the back, oh, and do you have the number to your distributor?
GOT MILK?
EAT YOUR VEGGIES... EVEN IF THEY TASTE HORRIBLE
"When Aiglarn was in grade school"

# A Yuletide Arts Faire

## December 9, 10 & 11

Fine Arts Gallery
New Mexico State Fairgrounds

My Lords & Ladies, gentles all, pray attend:

**The Friday Night Gala** features: music, dancing, cookies & merriment! 5 to 9 pm, $5

**Saturday & Sunday** feature: arts & crafts demos and entertainment. 10 am to 6 pm, $2

In our velvet halls, you will find gold and silver jewelry, photographs, Medieval & Renaissance garb, hand-thrown pottery, gems & minerals, herbal lotions, potions & teas, Middle Eastern dancing attire, henna painting, prints, candles, Clowns of Enchantment, massage, arts & crafts demos, tarot and psychic readings, children's activities, and much, much more.

$1 Parking Pass w/ Advance Ticket purchase, and Vendor and Musician info, call Cheri at: 261-3939, or e-mail: yulefaire@yahoo.com.

By December, the Schedule of Events and the Vendor List will be on www.GoJamm.com.

## New Outlands Arts & Sciences Discussion List

A new Arts and Sciences Discussion List has been created for the Outlands at www.groups.yahoo.com. This free A&S discussion list is "OutlandsArtsSciences" and was created to enrich our realm in the Arts and Sciences and provide a forum for discussion about A&S ideas, promote the exchange of A&S resources and information and provide information about Outlands A&S Classes, A&S Competitions and A&S Events. To be a member of this new A&S discussion group, please go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ outlandsartssciences/ and join.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber
Outlands A&S Southern Deputy

## al-Barran Youth Team

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. We are also working to develop an information website for al-Barran youth activities and information. If you have any ideas for the upcoming al-Barran Youth Website, please send your ideas to Lord Christopher Blackwood at ChrisGraham01@aol.com. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber
Youth Activities Information Contact Person

## Court Dancing

Court Dance practices are "usually" scheduled at Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. for two Sundays each month, from 12:30 to 2:30pm, during the Winter months. In preparation for our Hungarian themed Mid-Winter event, we are learning Hungarian Dances. Our dance practice for Sunday, 12/4 is scheduled at our Hungarian Dance Teacher's home and then there is a practice at the church on Sunday, 12/11. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information about either of these December dance practices or want to be sure that our plans haven't changed, or just want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning court dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

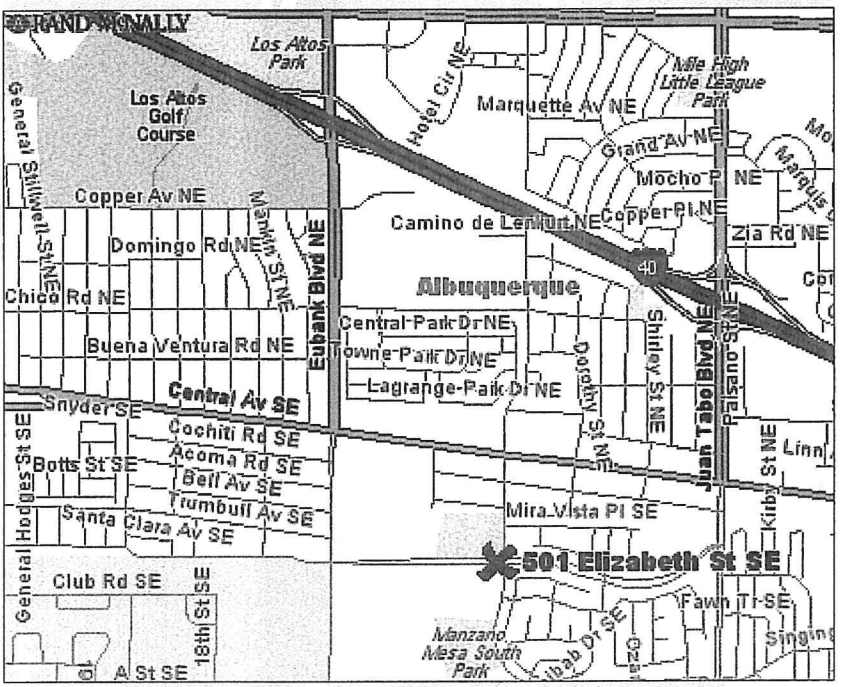
Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

## Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 19 December. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

**Driving Directions:**

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.





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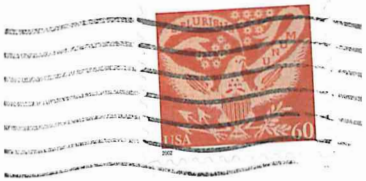


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